

# GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWS

FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER 2017-2018

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## Snow Season Reminders

### **Do not plow snow across the road or in the road.**

The goal of the Township is to keep the roads safe for travel. Any snow removed from driveways must be placed on your property and must not be pushed across the road. Piles of snow along the roadside freeze and make it difficult and unsafe for the Crew. It also creates a hazard for other motorists. During early winter, push snow back far enough on your land to save space for future snow piles. Violation notices may be filed with the District Justice and fines may be imposed.

### **Winter safety tips**

- Listen to weather and travel advisories,
- Follow at least six car lengths behind an operating plow truck,
- Turn on headlights whenever wipers are in use,
- Allow for extra driving time as weather and road conditions can change quickly,
- Be prepared to drive slowly and increase following distance when necessary,
- Carry a phone but don't use it while driving,
- Clear ice and snow from vehicles,
- Carry an emergency travel kit,
- Never drive impaired, and
- Always wear a seat belt.

### **No Parking on the Road**

In previous years, there were many vehicles parked in the roads during hunting, even though there were no vehicles parked in the game lands parking lots along those roads. Where available, please use the parking lots so that the crews can get through to cinder and plow the roads.

A Township Ordinance prohibits parking on Township roads whenever there is snow on the road. This law was enacted to protect township residents, employees and township equipment. Any vehicle parked on Township roads will be towed at the owner's expense.

### **Plowing**

The Township operates three plow trucks, which take approximately three hours to clear the roads. On weekdays, the crew is sent home after the first round of plowing if plowing will be necessary later that day. The crew is called out as needed during the evening hours and on the weekends.

Although it may seem like it, the plow truck drivers do not intentionally fill driveways with snow. By clearing a path to the left of your driveway and mailbox, you create a place for the snow riding along the plow blades to drop into - instead of in your driveway! They cannot lift the plow in front of your driveway.

Marking mailboxes so they are visible will help the crew avoid hitting them. Please contact the Township for mailbox installation directions if you have had problems with your mailbox in prior winters.

## **2018 Budget and Projects**

The 2018 Budget is balanced at \$ 799,070.00. The tax millage will remain at 2.34 mills.

The road projects for 2018 will focus on maintenance. General road maintenance involving ditching, grading, graveling, and replacement of seven crosspipes are planned. Catch basins on Wilson Road in Little Hope will be repaired. The surfaced areas of Delmas Drive, Rich Hill Road and the entire length of Wildman Road will be seal coated. Applications for a Dirt & Gravel Roads Program grant for Storey Road and a Low Volume Roads Program grant for Full Depth Reclamation on Rohl Road are in process through Erie County Conservation. A Federal/County grant for design repairs to the State Line Road bridge over French Creek will be supported.

Completion of the playground replacement and construction of parking areas at the Greenfield Community Park are planned with funding from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Hirtzel Foundation and the Erie County Greenways Grant.

Financial assistance will be provided to the Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company. The funds will be used to reimburse utility and building repair and maintenance expenses. This assistance reduces the number of hours that volunteers spend fundraising, thus improving the chances of retaining the volunteers. The Fund Drive contributions have been declining over the years. Participation in fund raising events has decreased.

Payments will be made on the new wheeled excavator (ditcher).

## **Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company**

The Fire Company Volunteers spend a lot of time training for and responding to emergency calls. It is much easier to attract and retain volunteers if they don't have to spend more of their time trying to raise funds **to provide protection for you and your property**. Fund drives will be mailed soon, so please send in your fund drive donation!

If you are able to donate any time helping with fundraising, building maintenance or general business operations, please leave a message at the Fire Station at 725-9109 or on facebook at Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company.

## **Ditching and drainage**

A new wheeled excavator was delivered on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The old 1995 Badger ditcher was in bad shape and it was getting difficult to find repair parts. The new machine will allow the crew to catch up with problem areas by installing new ditches and maintaining current ditches. Ditches provide drainage of the base of the road, which is needed to keep the roads from going soft in the Spring.

It is the property owners' responsibility to keep their driveway pipe clear of leaves and other debris. If the pipe is plugged, the water may wash out your driveway and the road.

## **Road Posting**

Every spring, the Township roads are posted with a 10-ton weight limit. This is done to protect the roads during the thaw cycle.

All Township residents are hereby notified that the Township roads in Greenfield Township will be posted with a 10-ton weight limit, as set by a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors at one of their meetings in February, March or April of 2018. Exceptions to the posting are listed in the Ordinance (agricultural, buses, emergency). A section of Wilson Road has also been exempted in the past to accommodate deliveries to the businesses in Little Hope. During the time the roads are posted, any restricted vehicle owner will be required to post a security and obtain a permit from the Township.

Recent state legislation has made a change which allows for local deliveries. Please consider the condition of the roads when scheduling deliveries with heavy trucks. This type of traffic prolongs the thawing and firming up of the roads.

### **Greenfield Community Park**

Five trees were planted at the back of the Park with funding from a TreeVitalize Grant. More tree planting projects are planned, once the improvement projects are completed at the front of the park. The road into the park is not maintained in the winter. The restrooms have been closed for the season. When the weather permits access, residents may still use the trail system. The park is closed after midnight.

Please take all garbage with you when you leave the park, as this prevents wild animals making a habit of coming to the park looking for food.

Pavilion reservations can be made by calling the office.

### **Dog Licenses**

The 2018 Dog Licenses are available now during Public Office Hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and other times by appointment.

Licenses are required for dogs three months or older. Vaccinations must be up to date.

### **Meetings**

The Organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Auditors will meet on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The 2018 meeting dates will be advertised in January. All meetings are open to the Public.

## Updated information and guidelines for preparing and sorting your recyclables

You can obtain additional or replacement bins by stopping at the Municipal Office. You can also call The Municipal Office and the bins can be dropped off the next time around. See the following notes for proper preparation and sorting. If your bins are not emptied, it most likely means that they were not properly sorted or they contained unacceptable items. The driver cannot sort items at each stop. The materials we can accept are set by the recycling markets.

Sort the items into the different recycling bins.

**Very important** - make sure that all food and beverage containers are **empty** and have been cleaned. This is for pest and odor control at your house, as well as at the Township Building.

**Labels do not need to be removed.**

**Cardboard milk or juice cartons** - Rinse and place them in the bin with plastics.

All **plastics #1 through #7** are now being collected.

**All colors of glass** food or beverage containers (not drinking glasses) are now accepted.

Aluminum and steel **cans** only.

**Newsprint** - The paper must be dry. Phone books and magazines are accepted.

**The market is no longer accepting the light cardboard (example - cereal boxes, pasta boxes).** Please put paper recyclables into paper or doubled plastic bags, or bundle with twine to make loading easier and to stop the paper from being scattered on windy days. Don't overload the bags, as they tend to break during loading.

**UNACCEPTABLE materials - *mirrors, crystal, window glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, ceramics, ovenware, clay flower pots, broken glass, paint cans with paint in them, food or beverage containers with food or beverage still in them, flatware, scrap metal, metal cookware, aluminum trays, aluminum foil, aluminum siding, brake drums, junk mail, donut boxes, corrugated cardboard, light cardboard or wet paper.***

## 2018 Collection Dates

Recycling is picked up every other Friday. If a holiday sets garbage collection back one day, **the recycling will still be picked up on Fridays.** Please mark your calendars with the following dates.

January 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

May 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

July 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

September 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

November 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

April 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

June 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

October 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

December 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>